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The next point I wish to refer to is this. In one of the big high schools under private management in the State, the Headmaster was dismissed from service one day. In the natural course, he appealed to the Director of Public Instruction who took nine months to pass orders reinstating him in service. But the management took the matter in appeal to the High Court, which, however, upheld the Director's order. The management next went to the Supreme Court, which confirmed the High Court's judgment and rejected the appeal of the management. Then what happened? The man was restored on a particular day. But the next day he was suspended from service and on the third day he was dismissed. Where is justice for him? How can a Headmaster fight a big management in a Court —High Court and the Supreme Court? But this man did it because the Teachers' Guild gave the money and enabled him to fight. Till today, he has not been given his back pay. You can imagine his plight.

Dr. A. LAKSHMANASWAMI MUDALIAR : Under the Education Act passed in Great Britian, the Government would have taken over the institution and dismissed the management under similar circumstances. I would like some such thing being done here.

* Sri V. R. RANGANATHAN : Such a thing occurred in my own time as Director. We withdrew the recognition of the school although very powerful forces were at work because the management was in the wrong. Why not do it now in respect of the case I have mentioned? Anyhow, there is a case for revision of the agreement between the management and the employees. You cannot dismiss a labourer now from any factory. The employer will be hauled up. But you can dismiss a teacher with impunity.

Lastly, everybody talks about the Five-Year Plan. I am afraid we are making a fetish of the Plan now. In the old days, we used to have tribal gods. Now, in modern India, this Plan has become a god which requires human sacrifice. That is what it means. Are we going to sacrifice the present for the future? After all, it is the man that counts. Of course, in Europe, some time ago, they tried to make the State a demigod and everybody was sacrified for its glorification. I hope it will not be done here.

Mr. CHAIRMAN : The House will now adjourn and meet again at 3 p.m. tomorrow.

The House then adjourned.

IV.—PAPER LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE HOUSE.

* 97. *The Payment of Wages (Madras Amendment) Bill*, 1957.

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